

THE BENNINGTON EVENING BANNER

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BENNINGTON, VT., SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1916.

PRICE ONE CENT

A Lot of Folks Who Claim To Practice What They Preach Must Do a Lot of Mighty Poor Preaching When Nobody But Themselves Is Listening

BENNINGTON TOWN FARM PLANT NOW COMPLETED

Plant in Operation for Some time and the Best in Vermont

TOTAL COST IS NEAR \$30,000

This Includes Furniture, Water System, Heating, Electric Wiring Above Original Appropriation

Insofar as a practically fireproof building is concerned, Bennington has made an excellent investment in the new town home which has now been completed and occupied by the town poor since August. The taxpayers have a building on the hill north of the village which may well serve as a pattern for other communities who must deal with the problem of those who through misfortune or disability are unable to care for themselves, even though the cost has been greater than was anticipated. The genial and efficient superintendent, Arthur W. Russell, took a member of the Banner staff through the institution Thursday afternoon and the impression gained was that the taxpayers had been compensated for the expense to which the community had been put in replacing the town house burned several months ago.

LOW PRICED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE

FOR RENT—Furnished steam heated rooms, at The Allen, Pleasant St., Bennington, Vt. 9016

TO RENT—“Carpeted Hill Farm,” located near Pownall Center, Vt. Com. late stocked; guarantee a cow, one pair of horses; all necessary machinery; newly equipped barn. For particulars inquire of E. R. Pratt, Washington, Ave., Bennington, Vt. 9021

FOR SALE—White Wyandotte breeding males, 1000. Both cock and hen, 1000. For particulars inquire of E. R. Pratt, Washington, Ave., Bennington, Vt. 9021

FOR SALE—To settle the estate of the late Albert Stockwell, the house and land on Bradford Street Extension. This property can be bought very reasonable. For further information see Nash & Hutchins, or J. Ed. Walbridge, Administrator.

FOR SALE—Two black cows, one 3 years old the other 2 years old. Well watched. Apply to H. S. Burlington, Pownall Center, Vt. 9016

FOR SALE—One 1915 Ford Touring car equipped with clock absorbers, at a low price. Bennington Garage, E. W. Williams, 401

FOR SALE—Don't pay rent; \$15.00 per month for 20 years, with interest, amounts to \$7,210. Buy a lot and save this. I can sell you a building lot on Main St., Grant St., Elm St., Weeks St., Jay St., Putnam St., Washington St., McKinley St., Dunham St., Everett St., Convent St., Monument Ave., and several new streets. Geo. H. Dewey, Art. 9017

TO RENT

WANTED—Woman to help do chamber work and wait on table. Steady work. Call up American House, Bennington, Vt. 9016

WANTED—Competent woman for general housework. Liberal wages paid. Mrs. Edw. L. Bates, 212 Silver St. 9017

TO RENT—Bright room house. Inquire Frank A. Thompson, 104 Beach St. 9018

TO RENT—Stores, offices, tenements, shops, and ex. individual garages, individual stores. Inquire Geo. M. Hawks 405 Main St. 9019

TO RENT—Tenement. Apply E. S. Harris, 121 Division St. 9020

TO RENT—Two houses on Silver St., with all modern improvements. Apply to Melissa H. Mason, 304 South St. 401

TO RENT—North side of tenement on North Branch St., \$8 per month. Inquire Mattie Rickart Patterson 128 South St. 401

WANTED

WANTED—Men who desire to earn over \$100.00 per month write us today for position as salesmen; every opportunity for advancement. Central Petroleum Co., Cleveland, Ohio. 9021

WANTED—Roomers at 107 North street. 9018

WANTED—A middle-aged woman as housekeeper. Apply to Mrs. Colla A. Wills low, 106 Union St. 9019

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Apply Mrs. Tarrant Bailey. Tel. 401. 9020

WANTED—Men to learn to drive and repair automobiles and be prepared to fill vacancies at good salaries. Write for special offer. Maine Auto Company, 779 Forest Ave., Portland, Maine. 9020

WANTED—Pupil nurse at the Bennington State Hospital Training School for Nurses. For particulars, address Dr. Arthur V. Goss, Supr., Taunton State Hospital, Taunton 9021

a slight elevation, a short walk from Hicks corners. It was begun in October, 1914 and finished the following April from plans furnished by Architect J. Bull. It was built by day labor and Mr. Bull's direction and the structure stands practically completed except for some interior furnishing and painting. The appropriation for the building was \$18,000, but subsequent improvements and furnishings will bring the total cost nearly to \$30,000.

The exact cost figures for the plant are not yet available. They will be compiled at the forthcoming town audit but estimates of additional expenditures above the original appropriation are somewhat as follows: Furniture, \$2000; Heating system, \$1000; water pumping and storage system, \$500; electric wiring, \$300; architects fees for both plans and supervision, about \$1000. Additional and unavoidable expense was also incurred in the grading of the grounds, small carpentry work, etc., which had to be added to the building expense.

In spite of this, the visitor will agree after a careful inspection of the institution, that the town has received its money's worth. In the first place, the building is practically fireproof. Walls, floors and ceilings are entirely of tile and concrete. The only wood in the building is the window and door casings and stairs into the cellar. A bonfire could be lighted in the basement with no more serious effects than smoking up the walls and girders. Supt. Russell assured the Banner man, however, that he was not going to experiment to find out.

The first impression created by the building is its substantial construction without losing its artistic lines. It is about 40 feet wide by 150 feet in length, of two stories, with porticoes in front and sun parlors completing the ends of the wings. Steel girders bear the weight of the building with foundation walls of stone.

Supt. Russell and family, together with such hired help as aid in carrying on the institution, occupy the middle section which has been furnished in mission. The floors, which are of concrete, with curved, dust-proof corners, will eventually be tinted. The walls throughout have already been tinted in ecru.

The women's section comprises the south end of the building. There is a large dining room and sitting room on the main floor; the individual rooms being on the second story. The whole structure contains 29 rooms, but the entire home will accommodate about 50 inmates. The home has 16 inmates at present.

Each room in both men and women's section is provided with an ample white iron cot bed, similar to those used in hospital wards. There is also a dresser, table and chair. The occupants of the home trim their rooms to suit their individual tastes and some of them care for their own quarters. This is not compulsory, however.

The men occupy the north wing, which is a duplicate of the other in layout. The whole building is electric-lighted and steam heated and is kept in spotless condition by Mrs. Russell and her assistant. The kitchen and other domestic departments would be the envy of many a housewife for the first consideration of the architect has been ample room and convenience. The kitchen is at the rear of the ground floor, a room thirty feet square, with a pantry as large as many an ordinary house kitchen. Directly beneath is the laundry with sufficient space to hang the entire washing indoors if necessary.

Two interesting features in the basement are the heating equipment and the apparatus for the water supply. The heat is supplied by an Aird Don boiler, which has only burned 15 tons of coal thus far this winter. In the west basement the visitor is puzzled by a gigantic cement reservoir which fills the whole cellar, about 15 feet wide, twenty-five feet long and six feet in height. This tank receives and stores all the rain water from the roof and in addition three large inverted boilers are supplied by both hard and soft water pumped from the farm spring about half a mile away. By the ingenious contrivance, operated by motor, the throwing of a lever on the pump switches the water supply from the hard to soft water and automatically keeps the water system up to capacity. In case of fire anywhere on the premises the force of water generated would throw a stream two hundred feet. Thus, even

NOTICE

LOST—Child's neck scarf, gray knitted fur, between Elm St. and Catholic Church. Finder please return to Holden and Sons, 301 E. 9015

LOST—A black and tan coarse hair-bound book with white string around its neck. Finder please return to Eugene J. Graham, 120 North street. 9016

NOTICE—Sleigh ride parties cared for on short notice at Summit Hall, Pownall Center. Lunch or supper furnished if desired. Telephone 8054. C. H. MYERS, Prop. 9017

LOST—One stock Certificate of the Free Press Association, a Vermont Corporation, and certificate being dated February 20th, 1913, bearing number 102 and representing seven and one-half shares of Capital Stock of said Corporation. Notify Holden and Sons Attorneys, Bennington, Vermont. 9018

FOUR MYSTERIOUS SHOOTINGS IN ALBANY

Victims Neither Saw Assailant Or Heard Report Of Weapon

ALL FOUR SHOT IN THE BACK

Two Men and a Woman in Hospital With But Little Hopes of Their Recovery.

Albany, Jan. 29.—Four persons, a woman and three men, were shot in the streets of Albany yesterday by a mad man and it is feared that two of the maniac's victims will die.

The mysterious gunman, who was armed with a revolver of small calibre, escaped. None of the four victims of the shooting were able to identify their assailant and the police are entirely at sea in their search for the madman.

All four of the victims, Mrs. John A. McKoon, 70; James Edwin, 60, and James McCormack, 20 and Edward Kinney were shot in the back. Mrs. McKoon and McCormack were shot through the lung and their conditions are serious. Edwin is in poor health and the hospital authorities have but little hope that he will recover.

The first shooting occurred shortly after 4 o'clock and the fourth about two hours later.

McCormack is the only one of the four victims who had an opportunity to observe the personal appearance of the madman.

A strange feature of the case is that not one of the four wounded persons heard the report of the weapon when it was discharged.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont increase in cloudiness and slightly warmer tonight. Rain or snow and warmer Sunday.

should the farm spring go dry, the basement mechanism provides pure filtered water from the storage of rainwater in the reservoir.

The management of such an institution will always be of interest for the handling of those placed in its care is a business different than any other executive line. Mr. Russell seems to be the man for the job. It requires tact, resource, diplomacy and an endless reservoir of patience for the day of using drastic measures and taking advantage of the helpless condition of the inmates to secure order and enforce discipline, has gone. In this regard, Bennington's town home contains an atmosphere more like a sanatorium than an Alsatia for those unable to provide for themselves. Most of the inmates are too disabled or feeble to do any manual labor and the time is spent in reading, writing, walking about the grounds and games between themselves. Twice a week they are permitted to come into the village if they are able, on the proviso that they return at a specified hour.

Mr. Russell's principle of treating the town's poor with a regard for their feelings, insofar as reasonable discipline permits, and allowing them the free use of their specified parts of the house and the grounds, minimizes the old-time stigma of being confined in a charitable institution. Many of the patients are in ill-health and an endless amount of care is imposed on the superintendent and his wife in providing for their requisites. The manner in which they greet him on his appearance among them, speaks well for his popularity with them, and the appearance of the house and grounds shows that he is also a good caretaker as well as guardian of the inmates.

Under the extreme east wing of the building is a vegetable cellar which is annually stocked with produce grown on the farm. Twelve head of cattle are housed in a barn across the road and butter and cream is sold in the summer that is not consumed by the institution.

On the whole, Bennington has reason to be proud of the manner in which she cares for her poor, and while some may grumble at the expense incurred in erecting and equipping the building, nevertheless the town has something permanent and creditable to show for its money. After the furnishing of the rooms is complete the town need not be ashamed to put the institution on the sight-seers itinerary as one of the most modern and model homes of its kind in New England.

HEADS FREE LOAN SOCIETY

J. Dukas Who Has Business Interests in Bennington.

At the 24th annual meeting of the New York Hebrew Free Loan Society, incorporated, held Sunday afternoon at the organization's headquarters at 108 Second Avenue, President Julius J. Dukas who has business interests here in Bennington, announced that during 1915 the society had broken all previous records in making free loans. A total of \$670,506 was loaned during the year. The previous record was made by the society during 1914 when \$655,140 was loaned without interest. The president further announced that the society would extend its scope this year to include Brooklyn.

Jacob H. Schiff and Adolph Lewisohn both spoke at the annual meeting, and Mr. Schiff, in commenting upon the extension of the society's activities to Brooklyn, broached the subject of ignoring borough boundary lines as far as charitable organizations were concerned. Controller Prendergast was another speaker and heartily seconded this suggestion. He said he wished Mr. Schiff would take the lead in a movement to carry it into effect.

"I am intensely interested in the society's work, in its constructive features," Mr. Schiff said. "Yours is not a charity society. It is a business concern with an altruistic basis, a concern that builds up existences. The fact that your loans are made principally with the character instead of the collateral of the borrowers as security speaks volumes for the integrity of the great mass of people with whom you do business; and the fact that it has been necessary to collect only 2 per cent. of your loans from the borrowers instead of the principals speaks volumes for the character of the people whom you aid and for the honesty of your community."

In his annual report President Dukas has referred to the effect of the war on the work of the society. He said the war was the direct cause of a great demand for loans, but that, with the revival of industry in this country, demands upon the society had assumed a more normal tone. Mr. Schiff commented on this feature. He said that "prosperity," because of the suffering caused elsewhere by the war was a misnomer for the condition brought about in this country as a result of the war. In lighter vein he suggested that, at their present rate of pauperizing themselves, the European Governments might soon be applying to the Hebrew Free Loan Society for aid.

"In that event," he said, "I would caution you to investigate all requests very carefully."

Adolph Lewisohn spoke briefly, and also referred to including Brooklyn in charity organization work.

Both Mr. Lewisohn and Mr. Schiff have been liberal contributors to the Free Loan Society and when Mr. Lewisohn finished speaking it was announced that he had just offered to give \$1,000 more to the society for every 1,000 new members that it enrolled. It already has 7,499 members of whom 1,802 were enrolled during the last year. Mr. Schiff recently contributed \$1,500 toward the expense of opening the Brownsville branch.

Regarding the work of the Free Loan Society Mr. Lewisohn was enthusiastic.

"It has enabled a great many to get on their feet without the loss of their self-respect," he said, "and it is only fair and right that the public should help to carry out the work on a larger scale than ever before in the years to come."

In his annual address President Dukas said that losses during the last year, although it was a very trying year, had been no greater than during the previous year. They amounted to \$4,585.50 or about five-eighths of 1 per cent. of the total amount loaned during the year.

"For twenty-four years we have successfully shown the world that most people are honest and repay their loans, if a proper chance is given them," Mr. Dukas said. "Our statistics continue to show that over 97 per cent. of our loans are repaid by the borrowers themselves, and less than 2 per cent. by the indorsees. This speaks well when we consider that over 75 per cent. of our indorsees have no commercial rating."

Mr. Dukas said that the society's loanable capital had been used five times during the year, and that, as the capital increased, the society's field of work would be almost unlimited.

Mr. Prendergast congratulated the society and its officers. He also caused laughter by suggesting that a number of public benefactors organize another such society, with the municipal Government as sole beneficiary and lend money to the city without interest.

MORTALITY LISTS OF BENNINGTON FOR YEAR 1915

The Total Number Of Deaths In The Town Was 145

23 WERE AT THE SOLDIER'S HOME

Number of Births Was 147 For Same Twelve Months—Death Rate for Town About 13 Per Thousand.

According to the actual figures as they appear on the records of Health Officer J. M. Ayres and Town Clerk E. A. Booth, the town of Bennington during the year 1915 made a gain in population of just two, there having been 145 deaths and 147 births during the 12 months ending on December 31 last. Of the deaths reported, however, 23 were of veterans at the Vermont soldiers' home and should not be included in the consideration of the town's growth from natural causes. In 1914 there were 163 births and only 134 deaths. In 1913 there were 145 deaths, the same number as in 1915.

Of the deaths reported during 1915, only two were from diseases against which quarantine restrictions are made, one from whooping cough and one from scarlet fever. There was one death from cancer, six from grip and six from pneumonia. Already this month there have been eight deaths from pneumonia, more than the number reported for the entire year preceding. Forty-nine of the deaths reported were of persons over 70 years of age and 22 of infants under one year.

Owing to epidemics of chicken pox and whooping cough, the number of cases of contagious diseases reported, 230, was much larger than that of preceding years. In 1914 there were but 58 and in 1913 there were 51. Of the 230 cases reported, 111 were chicken pox and 73 were whooping cough.

Following is the list of the names of the persons who died in Bennington during the year 1915:

- Jan. 8—William R. Worthington, 77.
- 13—Emma Elizabeth White, 54.
- 16—Fanny Amidon, 41.
- 23—Mrs. Bridget Powers, 56.
- 26—Mrs. Henrietta Stratton.
- 27—Mary Healy, 75.
- 2—Frank Bentley, 36.
- 27—Loren Langdon, 73.
- 20—Mary Ruth Ferrin, 86.
- 20—Nathan White.
- Feb. 11—Catherine Casey, 68.
- 23—Patrick Shevlin, 51.
- 23—Roxanna Ryan, 92.
- 5—J. O. Bangs, 86.
- 5—Nancy E. Lapoint, 69.
- 5—John Willis Williams, 72.
- 5—Idella Morin, 65.
- 12—Nancy Melissa Chase, 70.
- 22—Hattie Catherine Wilkinson, 24.
- 28—Mary A. Harwood, 85.
- 21—Thomas Joseph Stapleton, 1.
- 4—Mary Elizabeth Gavin, 54.
- 6—Abbie Buss, 75.
- 15—Mary Anna Rugg, 63.
- Mar. 2—Charles Alfred Sausville.
- 11—Helen Bradford Wattles, 80.
- 12—Henry Sharkey, 48.
- 12—Otis Healy, 57.
- 12—Bridget Agnes Tracey, 65.
- 3—John Patrick Purcell, 57.
- Apr. 1—John Z. Morin, 1.
- 25—Nicholas Petrie, 4 mo.
- 12—Joseph Goodrich, 37.
- 17—Donald Theodore Ferguson, 16.
- 2—Bridget McNamara, 76.
- 21—Thomas Enright, 54.
- 2—Elsie Mahel Baker.
- 4—Bridget Agnes Hogan.
- 5—Michael Lawrence Kelly.
- 7—Lizzie A. Spear.
- 7—Nellie Francis O'Donnell.
- 12—Catherine Drew, 68.
- 12—Cecilia Murphy, 1.
- 15—Augustine C. West.
- 8—William Dubois Merchant, 68.
- 4—Amelia Rutan, 81.
- 12—Jennie Cook Bartlett, 67.
- May 14—Ann Phoebe Barber, 60.
- 14—Katharine Marie Gorges, 19.
- 18—John Enno, 50.
- 27—Bertha Francis Aldrich.
- 2—Donald Eugene Gensler.
- 18—Edwin Truman Stratton, 69.
- 20—Edward Morgan Whitney, 31.
- June 14—Esther Crawford, 64.
- 15—Bridget Morrissey, 74.
- 12—Sarah Caroline Snow, 59.
- 26—Zachariah Padlock, 77.
- 21—Emily A. Burt, 72.
- 22—William Riley Dods, 69.
- 16—Walter Rice, 28.

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- July 1—Robenia Gilliam, 54.
- 26—Doris Caswell, 18.
- 7—Isabel M. Noyes, 1.
- 11—Loren Edward Knapp, 59.
- 5—Mrs. John H. Wilson, 57.
- 9—Henry S. Walbridge, 85.
- 9—Florence Lacross, 6.
- Aug. 2—Morrish E. Dunham, 82.
- 12—Henry Warren Griffin, 1.
- 11—Adaline Bentley Provan.
- 4—Josephine Mary Keeler, 23.
- 22—Henry Chapman Younger, 70.
- 26—Elizabeth Mattison.
- 20—Margaret Buckley, 55.
- 25—Elizabeth Biggart Gallow, 67.
- Sept. 28—Olivia Dixon Burt, 67.
- 29—Annie Rupprecht, 29.
- 3—Monroe S. Brown, 42.
- 25—William J. Roche, 70.
- 14—Harold B. Kelly, 2.
- 2—Harriet B. Kehoe.
- Oct. 8—Learna Stratton, 5.
- 6—Dorothy Catherine Shepard, 1.
- 29—James Hamilton Barney, 81.
- 8—Leo Joseph Riley.
- 12—Mary Handehander Hogan, 72.
- 24—Rose Ann Lockwood Baker, 77.
- 10—Bridget Shanahan, 66.
- 28—James Bushie.
- 26—George M. Blake, 1.
- 17—Hattie S. Wilkinson, 65.
- Nov. 4—Jennie E. Smith, 64.
- 22—Marie Bonn Becker, 55.
- 30—Michael Campbell, 30.
- 22—Annie Theresa Sibley, 47.
- 25—Patrick Hogan, 84.
- 30—Pardon A. Russell, 77.
- Dec. 19—Frances E. Moore, 67.
- 14—Alonzo Benson Grant, 75.
- 24—Michael Thomas Slattery, 25.

Following are the names of the war veterans who died during the year at the Vermont soldiers' home:

- Feb. 28—Edwin E. Robinson, 79.
- Mar. 8—Jerry Mossey, 68.
- Apr. 5—Charles F. Carlton, 68.
- 6—Michael Riley, 77.
- 12—Theodore Stowe, 78.
- 15—Albert Stockwell, 70.
- 16—Harvey H. Allen, 84.
- 20—Lodre M. Rollins, 71.
- 22—Henry A. Wheeler, 81.
- 24—Charles C. Estey, 79.
- May 8—Hiram F. Parker.
- 25—William Slattery, 67.
- June 17—John Q. A. Ditty, 79.
- July 19—Jefferson White, 75.
- Aug. 15—George Horton, 74.
- Sept. 2—Thomas Newman, 77.
- 25—Myron Wood, 74.
- Oct. 24—Cornelius McLane, 80.
- Nov. 12—Austin Gilman, 81.
- Dec. 12—Joseph Miller, 63.
- 26—Daniel Worcester, 82.

MASONIC DISTRICT MEETING

Banquet by Eastern Star Feature of District Gathering.

Grand Secretary H. H. Ross of Burlington and Grand Lecturer A. H. Harriman of Middlebury were prevented by illness from attending the gathering of Second District Vermont Masons at the local temple Friday afternoon and evening. Grand Master Charles Darling of Burlington, however, and Grand Tyler Henry D. Fillmore, were present.

About 150 members of the five lodges of Bennington County visited Mt. Anthony lodge during the afternoon and evening when both sections of the Master Mason degree were conferred. The convocation began at 3:30 and continued into the late evening, with banquet at 6 o'clock served under direction of the ladies of the Eastern Star.

The committee with the dinner in charge was headed by Mrs. Roy M. Padlock and a substantial meal was provided and well served. There was no speechmaking.

Illness thinned the number of attendants from towns in the distant sections of the county, but Mt. Anthony lodge furnished their guests a good dinner and an enjoyable time.

BASKET BALL GAME

Burr & Burton Defeated Bennington High School.

Friday night B. H. S. played the first of a series of games with Burr & Burton. The game was one of the fastest played this season although victory was carried off by the visitors. At the opening of the game the exceedingly fast floor work of the visitors put them in a long lead but before the half ended the work of the Bennington boys became smoother and more effective and the half closed with a score of 17 to 7. During the second half both teams did their best and the advance in score was steady and evenly divided. Following is the score:

- B. H. S. Burr & Burton
- Jenney, ft. ft., Phelps
- Burr, R. ft. ft., Marsden
- Burr, E. c. c., Doan
- Parsons, ft. ft., Buck
- Lambert, ft. ft., Shaw
- Padlock, ft. ft., Reed
- Field baskets, Jenney 2, Burr, E. 5.
- Lambert 1, Phelps 5, Marsden 2, Doan 6, Shaw 1, fowl baskets, Doan 5, Jenney 5, Burr 1. Total Burr & Burton 33, B. H. S. 22. Timekeeper, Southall; referee, Hitchcock; scorer, H. McLaren.

WILLIAM E. SEARS CHOSEN CHIEF ENGINEER

Assistant Promoted To Head of Village Fire Department

ANNUAL MEETING LAST NIGHT

Members Voted to Request a Number of Additions to and Improvements in Equipment.

There was a good attendance of fire men at the annual meeting of the Bennington department held Friday evening at the rooms of the Stark house company. President William P. Hogan presided and the call for the meeting was read by Clerk Edward Shanahan.

The report of Chief Engineer Harry B. Spear showed that there were 23 alarms during 1915 and that the fires caused a total loss of \$18,178.10 with insurance of \$14,649.56.

The following officers were elected: President, William P. Hogan; vice-president, William J. Loneragan; treasurer, Warren Walter; clk., Edward Shanahan; Chief engineer, William E. Sears; first assistant engineer, Chas. Briggs; second assistant engineer, Henry Pratt.

At the request of President Hogan, the chair was taken by Vice-President Loneragan and the meeting was opened for the discussion of general topics. It was voted to request the trustees to purchase three white rubber coats for the engineers in order that the officials might be distinguished from other firemen when on duty. Another request voted was that the trustees in sure all of the firemen against accident. By vote the trustees were also requested to instruct the proper officials to shovel the snow away from the hydrants after storms. It was voted that the trustees be requested to purchase rope and to provide police protection at fires. Another request was that horses be provided to haul the cars in time of fire.

President Hogan of the department has received from Homer H. Webster, secretary of the board of trustees of the Bennington graded school district a letter expressing the appreciation of the excellent work of the department at the recent fire in the new high school building.

COUNTY COURT ADJOURNED

December Term Came to a Close Friday Afternoon.

The December term of Bennington county court came to a close shortly before 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. The following decisions in divorce cases were announced. Florence Leach vs. Charles Leach, discontinued; Philip Petete vs. Josephine Petete, granted; Rose Cullinan vs. Patrick Cullinan, separation from bed and board; Anna Cummings vs. Joseph Cummings, discontinued; Nora Riley Tower vs. John Tower, discontinued; Audria North vs. James A. North granted; Anna Mallison vs. Alvin H. Mallison, granted; Benjamin F. Williams vs. Mabel J. Williams, granted; Effie A. Haskins vs. Harley Haskins, granted; Nellie McGuire vs. Charles McGuire, granted; Sally A. Poole vs. Benjamin F. Poole, discontinued; Amy L. Morse vs. Carl L. Morse, discontinued; Maud Belden vs. James P. Belden, granted; Linda B. Goodell vs. Cyrus H. Goodell, granted; Adeline Daley vs. Harry E. Daley, granted; Susan Hodgkinson vs. Frank Hodgkinson, granted; John H. Hill vs. Lucy R. Hill, granted; Harley Bowles vs. Lena Bowles, granted; Florence Niles vs. Stephen Niles, granted.

Eight o'clock tonight, double orchestra dance at Foresters hall. Goldsmiths and Fogg's orchestra of North Adams, Adv.

For Rheumatism

As soon as an attack of Rheumatism begins apply Sloan's Liniment. Don't waste time and suffer unnecessary agony. A few drops of Sloan's Liniment on the affected parts is all you need. The pain goes at once.

A grateful sufferer writes:—"I was suffering for three weeks with Chronic Rheumatism and Stiff Neck, although I tried many medicines, they failed. Fortunately I heard of Sloan's Liniment and after using it three or four days am up and well. I am employed at the biggest department store in S. F. where they employ from six to eight hundred hands, and they surely will hear all about Sloan's Liniment.—H. B. Smith, San Francisco, Cal.—Jan. 1915. 25c at all Druggists.